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Homeless Awareness Week in Michigan

In Michigan, National Homeless Awareness Week is being observed November 10-19. This year's Homeless Awareness Week has special significance as local and state leaders recently announced the launch of a statewide Campaign to End Homelessness. The Campaign is being coordinated jointly by several state agencies that have the highest stake in approaching and addressing the problem of homelessness once and for all with an unshakeable conviction. There is a full state approach to ending homelessness that begins at the local level. Across Michigan, there are 60 individual plans to end homelessness that effectively represent 100 percent of the state. In addition to the locally driven plans, the first report from the statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is being circulated. Called the Baseline Data Report, it focuses on the state of Michigan's homeless and confirms state leaders' concerns that the population of homeless is growing. Most disturbing in the data is the fact that the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population is young women with children.

Local facts about homeless will also be available from the HMIS data system and will be regularly updated. To learn more about the data system visit www.mihomeless.org. Homelessness is a year-round problem that requires both short- and long-term strategies to end it. For more information about the Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness e-mail: irrerja@michigan.gov.

Michigan's 9th Annual Conference on Affordable Housing — April 30-May 2, 2007

The Ninth Annual Conference on Affordable Housing will take place April 30 - May 2, 2007 at the Lansing Center. The Conference will again offer many exciting and educational tracks to engage attendees. The event is hosted by many state agencies in an effort to provide attendees with the most accurate and beneficial information possible. To learn more about this year's conference or to register to attend, please visit the conference Web site at: www.housingconference.org

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MSHDA GRANTS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contact Telephone #</u>
HOUSING RESOURCE FUND		
Luce County	\$17,000	(906) 632-3363
Lighthouse Community Development	\$132,500	(248) 920-6060
Venture, Inc.	\$67,196	(248) 209-2620
Allegan County Resource Development Committee	\$28,678	(616) 673-5472
MSHDA HOMELESS FACILITIES		
Mariners Inn	\$30,555	(313) 962-9446
Domestic Harmony	\$11,100	(517) 439-1454
Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries	\$83,111	(313) 993-4700
MSHDA CRITICAL NEEDS		
Hispanic Service Center	\$10,000	(810) 724-3665
Alliance Against Violence and Abuse	\$10,000	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS		
Alcona County Housing Commission	\$150,000	(989) 724-9515
Alger County	\$275,000	(906) 387-2076
Allegan County	\$472,532	(616) 673-0242

MSHDA'S OCTOBER PRODUCTION FIGURES

<u>MSHDA Program</u>	<u>Number of Loans</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Homeownership	127	\$12,483,168
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	76	\$ 6,954,349
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	19	\$ 230,714.25

JUST A REMINDER

We have a standing offer for any members of the media who would like to have MSHDA staff either appear on radio talk shows or television news broadcasts, or provide guest columns or articles for publications. Raising public awareness for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the state of MSHDA's many affordable housing options is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunities you can provide.

MSHDA PUBLICATIONS

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